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For: **REDUCTION CASTING METHOD,
REDUCTION CASTING APPARATUS
AND MOLDING DIE USING SAME**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following document, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed foreign document is enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the reference is relevant or material to the claims. It is only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed reference be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951 (McGuireWoods LLP).

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